



# State of South Carolina

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The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval H. 5217, R-456, an Act:

TO PROVIDE THAT A GOLF CART MAY BE OPERATED ALONG CERTAIN PRIMARY HIGHWAYS IN RICHLAND COUNTY WITHIN A ONE-HALF-MILE RADIUS OF A SPORTING EVENT DURING CERTAIN HOURS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT DURING NIGHTTIME HOURS, THE GOLF CART MUST BE OPERATED WITH WORKING HEADLIGHTS AND TAIL LIGHTS.

This veto is based on my belief that this bill is unconstitutional special legislation. H. 5217, R-456 would make it legal to operate a golf cart along certain primary highways in Richland County within a one-half-mile radius of a sporting event for a period of three hours before the event commences to one hour after the event ends. As such, H. 5217, R-456 affects only Richland County and is, therefore, clearly an act for a specific county. Such acts are in violation of Article III, Section 34 of the South Carolina Constitution, which provides that "[w]here a general law can be made applicable, no special law shall be enacted." Acts similar to H. 5217, R-456 have been struck down by the South Carolina Supreme Court as violative of Article III, Section 34.

For this reason, I am returning H. 5217, R-456 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "M. Sanford", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark Sanford